

Regular Meeting of the

Board of Mayor and Council

City of McKenzie

McKenzie, TN. 38201

August 8, 2013

- a. **Call to Order** – Mayor Holland
- b. **Opening Prayer** – Vice Mayor Hale
- c. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Mayor Hale
- d. **Roll Call** – All members were present except Councilperson Pruneau

Mayor Holland
Vice Mayor Hale
Councilperson Barksdale
Councilperson Glisson
Councilperson Lankford
Councilperson Pruneau
Councilperson Townes

- e. **Mayor's Welcome**

Mayor Holland welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- f. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Councilperson Barksdale, seconded by Councilperson Lankford, to approve the regular meeting minutes dated July 11, 2013. The motion passed.

- g. **Financial Matters**

1. Bills:	<u>Vendor(s)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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None

- h. **Old Business**

None

- i. **New Business**

1. **Discussion/Approval on a liquor application for a certificate of compliance for a packaged liquor store located at 17833 Highland Drive,**

McKenzie, TN, submitted by Mr. William C. Dillahunty & Mr. Barry A. Dillahunty doing business as 79 Spirits and Wine

Discussion:

None

Action taken:

Motion was made by Councilperson Barksdale, seconded by Councilperson Glisson, to approve the liquor application for a certificate of compliance for a packaged liquor store located at 17833 Highland Drive, McKenzie, TN submitted by Mr. William C. Dillahunty & Mr. Barry A. Dillahunty doing business as 79 Spirits and Wine.

Motion is by role call vote:

Councilperson Barksdale	<u>Abstain</u>	Councilperson Lankford	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Glisson	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Pruneau	<u>A</u>
Vice Mayor Hale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Townes	<u>Y</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 4, Nays - 0, Abstain - 1, Absent - 1,
The motion passed.

2. Discussion/Approval on increase in sanitation rate due to Barker Brothers rate increase

Discussion:

Mayor explained to the council Barker Brothers increased their rate last year by .26 cents and again this year by .26 cents making a .52 cent increase over the past two years while the city had not increased their rates. She recommended the council increase the sanitation rate by .50 cents to keep pace with Barker Brothers.

Action taken:

Motion was made by Councilperson Barksdale, seconded by Councilperson Glisson, to approve the sanitation rate increase of .50 cents.

Motion is by role call vote:

Councilperson Barksdale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Lankford	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Glisson	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Pruneau	<u>A</u>
Vice Mayor Hale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Townes	<u>Y</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 1,
The motion passed.

3. Discussion/Approval of the recommendations of the Mayor for the appointments to the McKenzie Housing Authority Board

Discussion:

Mayor Holland told the council she was recommending the following people to the McKenzie Housing Authority Board. Ms. Lisa Norris would be filling the expired term of Ms. Jennifer Waldrup; Mr. Ricky Price would be filling the expired term of Mr. Wade Allen and Mr. Kenneth Sturdivant would be filling the expired term of Ms. Beverly Ones.

Action taken:

Motion was made by Councilperson Barksdale, seconded by Vice Mayor Hale, to approve the Mayor's recommendations to the McKenzie Housing Authority Board.

Motion is by role call vote:

Councilperson Barksdale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Lankford	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Glisson	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Pruneau	<u>A</u>
Vice Mayor Hale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Townes	<u>Abstain</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 4, Nays - 0, Abstain - 1, Absent - 1,
The motion passed.

j. Any Other Business

None

k. Citizens Input

Mr. Ed Perkins who serves on the Grievance Committee of the Appeals Board of the McKenzie Housing Authority made remarks concerning the safety of the residents and the complex. He noted that some residents who shared their grievances with the mayor should have first followed the appropriate grievance procedure. The complainants should have first gone to the director, and if not satisfied, then appealed to the board. Mr. Perkins said that many of the safety concerns have been addressed with the new Chief of Police and several suggestions and recommendations to improve safety came from their meeting. Before his closing remarks he presented to the mayor and council a petition with approximately 100 signatures of concerned citizens requesting the McKenzie City Council vote to keep Mr. Wade Allen as a member of the McKenzie Housing

Authority and that his term of that board not be terminated. In closing, he said the removal of Mr. Wade Allen from the board would create controversy and divisiveness.

Ms. Barbara Cooper, Executive Director of the McKenzie Housing Authority, said it was a productive meeting of the residents with Chief Moates and Officer Kim Barker concerning the safety procedures needed at the Housing Authority. She concurred with many of the recommendations stated by Mr. Perkins.

Ms. Wade Allen, Mr. Wade Allen, Jr. and Mr. Chris Johnson were against what had been done on the appointments. Mr. Wade Allen, Jr. also said it appears the mayor was sidetracked and appointed who she wanted instead of who the people wanted.

Ms. Rosland Winston, a resident of the Housing Authority expressed her displeasure with the mayor. She wanted to know what the mayor had done for the black people. She noted that the park improvements have all gone to parks other than Mulberry Park. Mayor Holland construction on new sidewalks should start along Walnut by early 2014. Government requirements have delayed the progress of these grants which were started under Walter Winchester's administration. Mayor Holland also stated that Mr. George Nolen who serves on the Park's and Recreation Board along with other citizens have ideas on improving Mulberry Park. Ms. Winston said most of the vandalism at the park is done by outsiders. Ms. Winston stated most of the city's improvements are in downtown, of which the mayor responded that research shows many people or companies with an interest in location to a city will visit downtown. McKenzie's downtown looks like a warehouse district; therefore the downtown area is going through a period of redevelopment.

I. Council Discussion/Reports

Councilperson Hale gave the monthly police report.

Councilperson Lankford gave the monthly park & recreation report.

Mayor Holland reminded everyone the Southern Fried Food and Sweet Tea Festival is this weekend, August 16th & 17th with a lot of planned activities and food.

m. Adjournment

With no further business, motion was made by Vice Mayor Hale, seconded by Councilperson Barksdale, to adjourn. The motion passed.

APPROVED: _____
Jill Holland, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Charlie Beal, CMFO/CMC
City Clerk/Recorder